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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 163357 ACTION LONDON MEXICO MOSCOW
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SUBJECT: OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION: COMING INTO FORCE AND
SECRETARIAT

1. THE CONVENTION OF THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION
BY DUMPING OF WASTE AND OTHER MATTERS WAS OPENED FOR
SIGNATURE AT WASHINGTON, LONDON, MEXICO CITY, AND MOSCOW
ON DECEMBER 29, 1972. DEPARTMENT HAS RECORD OF FOLLOWING
13 STATES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
OR ACCESSION TO CONVENTION: DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
ICELAND, JORDAN, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES,
SPAIN, SWEDEN, US, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AND AFGHANISTAN.

2. CONVENTION CALLS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE 30 DAYS FOLLOWING
THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF THE 15TH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
OR ACCESSION. THE GOVT OF THE UK IS DESIGNATED AS THE
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TEMPORARY SECRETARIAT FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND IS TO CALL A

MEETING OF PARTIES NO LATER THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. AT THAT MEETING, QUOTE THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL DESIGNATE A COMPETENT ORGANIZATION EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THAT MEETING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAT DUTIES IN RELATION TO THIS CONVENTION UNQUOTE.

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) EXPRESSED FORMAL READINESS AT 1973 ASSEMBLY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO IT UNDER THIS OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION; AND IN US VIEW IMCO IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO ASSUME SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) MISSIONS AT THE OTHER DEPOSITARY CAPITALS (LONDON, MEXICO CITY, MOSCOW) ARE REQUESTED TO VERIFY THE LIST OF STATES GIVEN IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO DATE.

(B) ALL ADDRESSEE MISSIONS, IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, ARE REQUESTED TO RAISE THE MATTER OF THE SECRETARIAT LOCATION WITH HOST AUTHORITIES, CONVEYING OUR VIEW THAT IMCO MOST APPROPRIATE, AND REPORT REACTIONS.

(C) EMBASSY LONDON SHOULD EXPLORE PLANS UK HAS FOR CONVENING FIRST MEETING OF PARTIES.

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